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Pueblo, Colo., authorities said a woman worked out a plan with her boyfriend to get narcotics into jail Wednesday through a courtroom exchange at her sentencing hearing. Phil Martinez allegedly dropped a bag of narcotics in the jury box before Felisha Trujillo's hearing, when the courtroom was empty. Detectives were watching, and Martinez was arrested. (AP)

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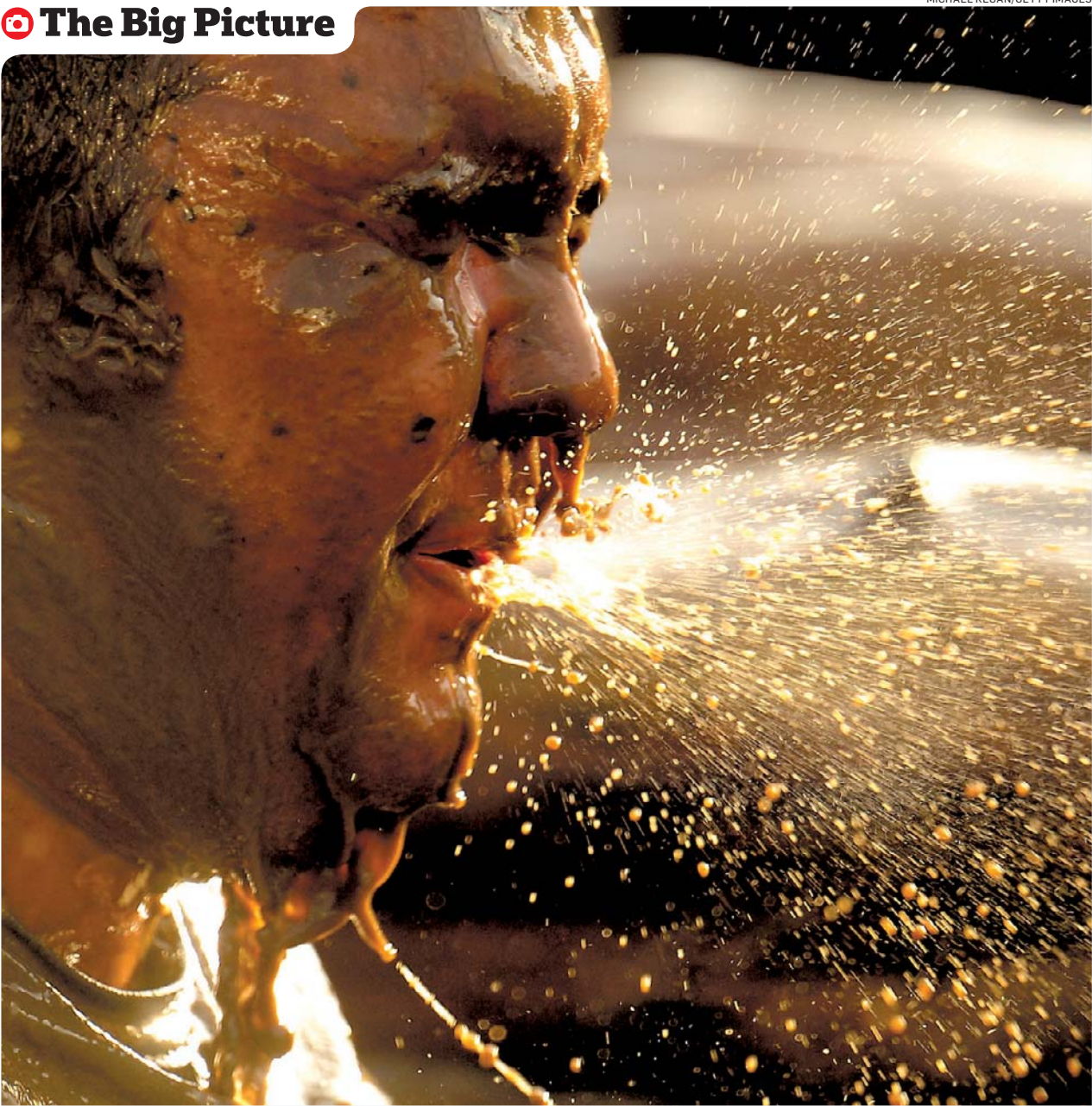
A black hen has been dodging cars and captors on a busy Glendale, Calif., street since Nov. 20. The chicken has drawn a growing crowd of photographers and journalists as animal control officers struggle to catch it. The Pasadena Humane Society, which handles animal control in Glendale, said the bird either runs onto the street or flies into a tree when officers approach. (AP)

Shoes Need Serenading, Snowboards



Newark, Del., police have arrested a man they say is responsible for the theft of thousands of shoes. Walter Rubincan is charged with 25 counts of second-degree burglary and 77 counts of theft. Police say he's been stealing shoes for about 20 years. Three truckloads of stolen property were recovered from his house, including 150 boxes of shoes and photographs, eight guitars, a mandolin, eight snowboards and a surfboard. (AP)

The Big Picture



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**MORE THAN 5,000** people showed up to suffer through 2010's Tough Guy race on Sunday in Telford, England. The eight-mile course features underwater tunnels, barbed wire fences, fire walks and a treacherous zip line — plus, lots of mud, which the contestant above apparently didn't want in his mouth. (EXPRESS)

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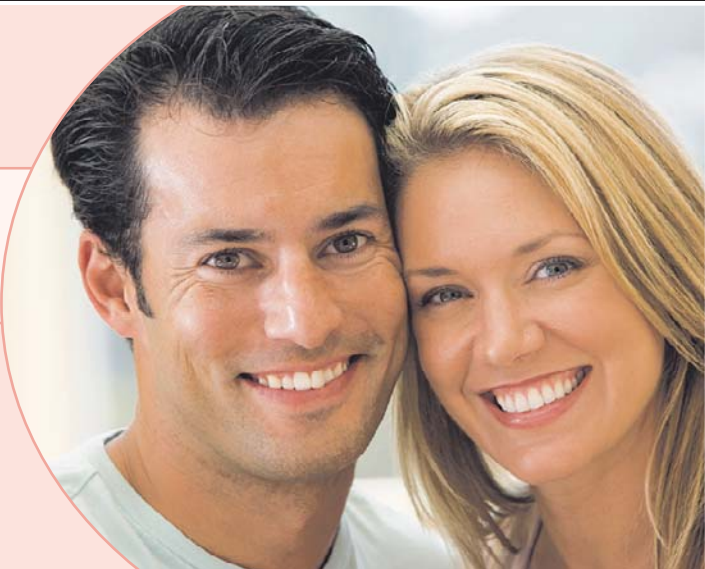
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## Jobs Plan Could Cost \$100 Billion

Washington

The Obama administration on Sunday endorsed spending an additional \$100 billion to attack unemployment as it prepared to send Congress a \$3.8 trillion budget that would provide billions

more to pull the country out of the recession while increasing taxes on the wealthy.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said

the administration believed "somewhere in the \$100 billion range" would be the appropriate amount for a new jobs measure made up of a business tax credit to encourage hiring, increased infrastructure spending and money from the government's bailout fund to get banks to increase small-business loans.

Gibbs said it was important for Democrats and Republicans to put aside their differences to pass a bill that addresses jobs. "I think that would be a powerful signal to send to the American people," Gibbs said on CNN's "State of the Union." MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

# Moon Mission on Chopping Block

Budget cuts to NASA would effectively end new space program

Washington

NASA's grand plan to return to the moon, built on President George W. Bush's vision of an ambitious new chapter in space exploration, is about to vanish with hardly a whimper.

With the release Monday of President Obama's budget request, NASA will finally get the new administration's marching orders, and there won't be anything in there about flying to the moon.

The budget numbers will show that the administration effectively plans to kill the Constellation program that called for a return to the moon by 2020. The budget is also a death knell for the Ares 1 rocket, NASA's planned successor to the space shuttle. The agency has spent billions developing the rocket, which is still years from its first scheduled crew flight.

It remains to be seen whether Congress will accede to Obama's



NASA's Ares 1 rocket, above, is the agency's planned successor to the space shuttle.

change in direction. Industry insiders expect a brutal fight in Congress.

Obama's budget, according to a background briefing by an administration official, will call for spending \$6 billion over five years to develop a commercial spacecraft that could taxi astronauts into low Earth orbit.

Going commercial with a human crew would represent a dramatic change in the way NASA does business. Instead of NASA owning the spacecraft and overseeing its design and construction, a private company would design and build the spacecraft with NASA looking over its shoulder.

Former NASA administrator Michael Griffin, who championed the Constellation program, views the Obama budget as disastrous for human space flight.

"It means that, essentially, the U.S. has decided that they're not going to be a significant player in human space flight for the foreseeable future. The path that they're on with this budget is a path that can't work," Griffin said, anticipating the Monday announcement. JOEL ACHENBACH (THE WASHINGTON POST)



MEDIA

**Call it another crack** in the glass ceiling: CNN's Candy Crowley is taking over as host of "State of the Union," a Sunday morning political program. The veteran correspondent, who's been with the network for two decades, becomes the only female journalist to currently anchor a Sunday morning talk show, and one of the few women ever to hold that position. The network said it selected Crowley for her "shrewd insight and healthy irreverence." (TWP)

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Nation

# Missile Shields Boosted

White House quietly upgrading systems of Persian Gulf allies

Washington

The United States has begun beefing up its approach to defending its Persian Gulf allies against potential Iranian missile strikes, officials said. The defenses are being stepped up in advance of possible increased sanctions against Iran.

The Obama administration has quietly increased the capability of land-based Patriot defensive missiles in several Gulf Arab nations, and one military official said the Navy is increasing the presence of ships capable of knocking out hostile missiles in flight.

The moves are part of a broader adjustment in the U.S. approach to missile defense and have been in the works for months. Details of the actions have not been publicly announced, in part because of diplomatic sensitivities in Gulf countries, which worry about Iranian military capabilities but are cau-



A U.S. Navy boat patrols a harbor in Manama, Bahrain. The U.S. is beefing up its approach to defending Gulf allies such as Bahrain against potential Iranian strikes.

tious about acknowledging U.S. protection.

The White House will send a review of ballistic missile strategy to Congress on Monday that frames the larger shifts.

One military official said the adjustments in the Gulf should be seen as prudent defensive measures designed to deter Iran from taking aggressive action in the region, more than as a signal that Wash-

ington expects Iran to retaliate for any additional sanctions.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton consulted with numerous allies during a visit to London this week. She told reporters that the evident failure of U.S. offers to engage Iran in negotiations over its nuclear program means the U.S. will now press for additional sanctions against the Iranian government. **ROBERT BURNS (AP)**

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Sen.-elect Scott Brown is already breaking with Republicans on some social issues.

Brown Sees Room  
For Moderate GOP

Senator-elect breaks with party on issues such as gay marriage

Washington

Fresh off an election victory in Massachusetts, Republican Sen.-elect Scott Brown advocated a big tent outlook for the GOP when asked whether his party should move in a more moderate direction.

"They can do whatever they want," Brown said of other Republicans, on ABC's "This Week." "I just know that I'm a Scott Brown Republican. What does that mean? That means I'm going to go down there and be accountable, accessible, open, and honest, and I'm going to bring good government and fairness back to the equation."

Brown, a socially moderate Republican in an age when the national party is nearly unified on opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage, said states should be allowed to make their

**"I believe this issue is best handled between a woman and her doctor and her family."**

— SEN.-ELECT SCOTT BROWN, LAYING OUT HIS VIEWS ON ABORTION IN AN INTERVIEW SUNDAY ON ABC.

own decisions on marriage rights. He said while he is pro-choice, he is against partial-birth abortions and federal funding of abortions, and believes in strong parental consent notification laws.

"I feel this issue is best handled between a woman and her doctor and her family," he said.

On the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that excludes open homosexuals from serving in the military, Brown said he would have to "wait to speak to the generals on the ground" before voicing support.

JOHN AMICK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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## In Brief

## JERUSALEM

## Israel Says Slain Hamas Leader Smuggled Arms



al-Mabhouh

Days after Hamas accused Israel of electrocuting and poisoning one of its commanders in his Dubai hotel room, Israel claimed Sunday that the dead man was key to smuggling Iranian arms to Palestinian militants in Gaza. Israel has not acknowledged a role in the killing of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh on Jan. 20. (AP)

## CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO

## 13 People Killed at Party

Armed men stormed a party in this violent border city, killing 13 high school and college students in what witnesses said they thought was an attack prompted by false information. About two dozen teens and young adults were hospitalized after the late Saturday assault. (AP)

## KABUL

## Karzai Urges Taliban To Lay Down Weapons

Afghan President Hamid Karzai appealed to Taliban fighters Sunday to lay down their weapons and accept Afghan laws. Karzai spoke three days after he and Western backers agreed in London to improve efforts to bring Taliban insurgents over to the government's side. (AP)

## U.S. 'Rescue' Hits Nerve in Haiti

Baptist church group detained on suspicion of trafficking 33 kids

## Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Ten U.S. Baptists detained trying to take 33 children out of earthquake-shattered Haiti without government permission say they were just trying to do the right thing, applying Christian principles to save Haitian children.

But their "Orphan Rescue Mission" is striking nerves in a country that has long suffered from child trafficking and foreign interventions, and where much of the aid is delivered in ways that challenge Haiti's own religious traditions.

Prime Minister Max Bellerive on Sunday told The Associated Press that the group was arrested and is under judicial investi-



Americans from a church in Idaho wait at a police station in Port-au-Prince on Sunday.

gation "because it is illegal trafficking of children."

The Americans are the first people to be arrested since the Jan. 12 quake on such suspicions. No charges have been filed.

The government and estab-

lished child welfare agencies are trying to slow Haitian adoptions amid fears that parentless or lost children are more vulnerable than ever to being seized and sold. Without proper documents and concerted efforts to track down their

parents, they could be forever separated from family members able and willing to care for them.

The orphanage where the children were later taken said some of the kids have living parents, who were apparently told the children were going on a holiday from the post-quake misery.

The church group's own mission statement said it planned to spend only hours in the capital, identifying children without immediate families and busing them to a rented hotel in the Dominican Republic without bothering to get permission from the Haitian government.

The church members, most from Idaho, said they were only trying to rescue abandoned children.

"In this chaos the government is in right now, we were just trying to do the right thing," the group's spokeswoman, Laura Silsby, told the AP. FRANK BAJAK AND PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

## Russian Police Detain More Than 100 Anti-Kremlin Protesters

## Moscow

Russian police broke up anti-Kremlin protests in Moscow and St. Petersburg on Sunday, and detained more than 100 people, including several opposition leaders.

In Moscow, several hundred demonstrators gathered in a cen-

tral square, defying a ban imposed by authorities. The protesters said banning their rally violated the Russian constitution's guarantee of the right to gather.

They denounced the policies of President Dmitry Medvedev and his predecessor and mentor Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.



Russian riot police detain a demonstrator in St. Petersburg, Russia, Sunday.

Protesters shouted "Shame!" and "Down with Putin!" as police in riot gear pushed them into buses.

Police quickly dispersed a similar rally in St. Petersburg, detaining most of several dozen protesters. Some of the demonstrators were beaten with truncheons.

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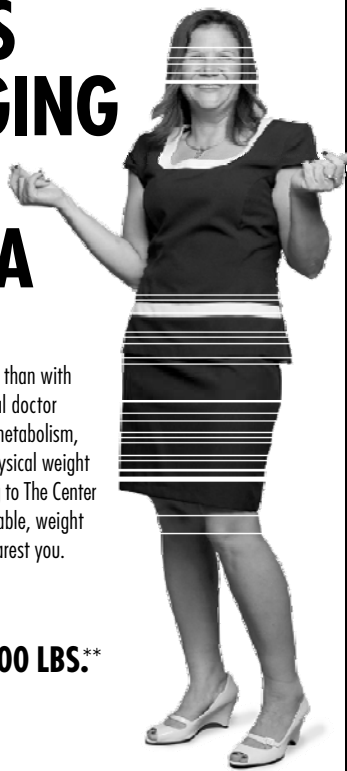
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World

Rumors Fly in Pakistan

Government probes whether key Taliban leader died after strike

Islamabad

The Pakistani government was investigating reports Sunday that Pakistani Taliban leader Hakimullah Mehsud died from injuries sustained in a U.S. drone missile strike launched in mid-January after he helped orchestrate a deadly bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan.

Mehsud's predecessor was killed in a missile strike less than six months ago, and inflicting another blow to the militant group's leadership would be an important success for both Pakistan and the U.S.

The U.S. unleashed more than a dozen drone strikes in the month following the Dec. 30 suicide bombing against the CIA in Afghanistan, and Mehsud's death would be further proof of the ability of the unmanned aircraft to target militants holed up in Pakistan's lawless tribal areas.



Notorious Figure

**Hakimullah Mehsud, 28**, has a reputation as a particularly ruthless militant. He took over the Pakistani Taliban soon after former leader Baitullah Mehsud was killed in a U.S. drone strike last August. Hakimullah Mehsud took responsibility for a wave of brazen strikes inside Pakistan, including the bombing of the Pearl Continental hotel in Peshawar last June and the attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team in Lahore earlier that year. There was a \$590,000 bounty on his head. (EXPRESS/AP)

Pakistani government officials said they were investigating whether Mehsud was mortally wounded in one of those strikes after state television reported that he died in Orakzai, an area in Pakistan's tribal region where he was supposedly being treated for his injuries.

"We have these reports coming to us," army spokesman Gen. Athar Abbas said. "We are investigating whether it is true or wrong."

Interior Minister Rehman Malik said the state TV report relied on "local sources" in Orakzai that the government could not confirm.

Pakistani intelligence officials had said that Mehsud was targeted in a U.S. drone strike against a meeting of militant commanders in South Waziristan on Jan. 14, triggering rumors that he had been injured or killed.

Mehsud issued an audiotape after the strike directly denying the rumors, and his voice sounded strong. But Pakistani intelligence officials told The AP on Sunday that they had confirmation that the Taliban chief's legs and abdomen were wounded in the strike.

ASIF SHAHZAD (AP)



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# Corporate Mishaps Tarnish Japan's Image

Tokyo

Toyota is the latest Japanese corporate icon making headlines for all the wrong reasons. News of the automaker's massive vehicle recalls over faulty gas pedals in the U.S. came just days after Japan Airlines, a once-proud flag carrier, filed for bankruptcy, saddled with billions in debt. Sony has lost its lead in consumer gadgets to the likes of Apple

Inc. and has suffered its own quality mishaps. Honda, Japan's No. 2 automaker, is recalling 646,000 cars worldwide because of a faulty window switch. Taken together, Japan Inc.'s stellar reputation for high quality has taken a hit — just as China is about to overtake it as the world's No. 2 economy and rising South Korean firms compete more aggressively. What went wrong with the economic giant that arose from the





Japan Airlines' former president discusses the company's bankruptcy.

**"Arrogance and some complacency came into play."**

— KIRBY DALEY, CHIEF STRATEGIST AT HONG KONG FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRM NEWEDGE GROUP, ON WHY JAPANESE COMPANIES HAVE SUFFERED MISHAPS.

ashes of World War II? The problems that confront Toyota, Sony and JAL differ, but experts say their struggles have

common themes, including the perils of global expansion and a tendency to embrace the status quo. The global economic crisis exposed weaknesses, said Kirby Daley, a veteran Tokyo trader who is chief strategist at Hong Kong financial services firm Newedge Group: "There was nowhere to hide." Added to the mix for Toyota and Sony is competition from upstarts elsewhere in Asia. "They can offer products as good as Japanese at much lower cost," said Shinichi Ichikawa, chief strategist at Credit Suisse. MALCOLM FOSTER (AP)



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If you (or someone you know) have been diagnosed with major depression, you may be able to participate in a National Institute of Mental Health research study investigating a novel medication. This treatment study is studying if a research medication can produce a rapid reduction of depressive symptoms in patients with treatment-resistant major depressive disorder.

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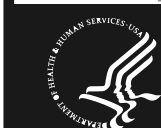
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# Not Making the Grade

A new Post poll finds a growing dissatisfaction with Fenty's and Rhee's efforts

## Washington

D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee's job approval rating has dropped precipitously alongside Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's over the last two years, despite sentiment among District residents that conditions in the city's long-troubled public education system are starting to improve, according to a new Washington Post poll.

Rhee's performance was viewed favorably by 59 percent of residents in January 2008, with 29 percent disapproving. Now, there is a near even split: 43 percent approve of what she's doing, 44 percent dissatisfied. Those with children in D.C. public schools have nearly reversed their opinion of Rhee. Two years ago, 54 percent of those parents approved of Rhee. Now 54 percent disapprove.

Support for Rhee has eroded most dramatically among African American residents, the survey found. Two years ago, 50 percent of blacks backed Rhee while 38 percent disapproved. The new poll shows just 28 percent approval, with 62 percent dissatisfied.

The poll results underscore how closely Fenty is linked with Rhee in the public's perception — and how much of his political future may be staked on the chancellor's success in turning around the school system.

Fenty's approval rating has dropped 30 points to 42 percent since 2008. During the same period, the proportion of residents who say he has done a "good" or "excellent" job in improving schools has declined from 52 to 42 percent.

The numbers also reflect the turbulence of Rhee's tenure since taking over in 2007. Charged by the mayor with transforming a school system regarded as among



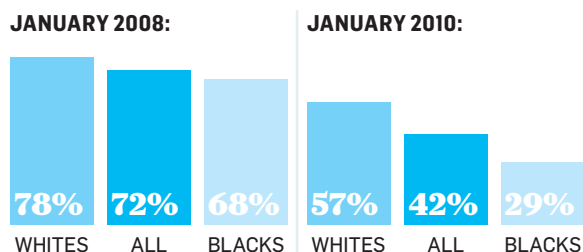
## Adrian Fenty

In the three-plus years since he swept into office, Fenty's public perception has taken several direct hits. Washington Post poll respondents cited a variety of concerns about the mayor, including his refusal to give previously allotted Nationals tickets to D.C. Council members, a secretive trip to Dubai, and his failure to attend memorial services for victims of Metro's deadly crash in June.

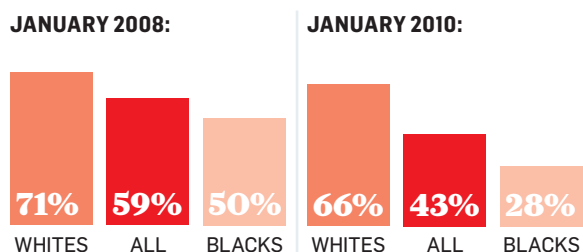
## Michelle Rhee

The D.C. schools' chancellor's dealings with the Washington Teachers' Union have been especially turbulent. In 2008, Rhee proposed dramatically raising teachers' salaries while weakening job security provisions. The plan won applause from reform advocates but her stance, coupled with critical comments about some D.C. educators, has made it difficult to negotiate a new contract with the WTU. (TWP)

## APPROVAL RATING BY RACE



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**"He has to deal** with the city council, and if you come across as extremely arrogant, no one is going to work with you."

— Cleveland Park resident Neal Present, on Adrian Fenty. His comment appeared in a Sunday Washington Post story available online at [washingtonpost.com/local](http://washingtonpost.com/local)

the nation's worst, Rhee has moved at an urgent pace: closing under-enrolled schools, firing principals and teachers deemed ineffective and funneling more money to schools by shrinking a bloated central office bureaucracy.

Supporters say the results are plainly visible. Building on improvements in academic standards and curriculum put in place by her predecessor, former superintendent Clifford Janey, she has continued an upward trend in standardized test scores. Annual declines in enrollment appear to have leveled off.

But the aggressive program, and some public comments that have rankled key constituencies, has placed Rhee deeply at odds with some parents, and school community leaders say her zeal to move quickly has left them without a real voice.

Still, in follow-up interviews, many respondents praised Rhee for her persistence in addressing years of failure and neglect.

"She seems to be competent, aggressive and a risk-taker," said Sidney Butler, 67, a Ward 3 resident with children in Lafayette Elementary School in the city's Chevy Chase section. "My impression of her is that she's doing what's necessary." **BILL TURQUE AND JON COHEN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Change Is Coming to Retirement

Obama aims to help Americans save more with new proposals

Personal Finance

President Obama is launching an effort to help Americans save more for retirement, hoping a government nudge or two can get them to do what many are unable to do on their own.

The package includes programs to guarantee all workers access to a retirement plan through their jobs; expand the tax credits that reward saving for retirement; and tighten 401(k) regulations to make them safer and more efficient.

Most of the proposals have broad support at a time when retirement security is increasingly in jeopardy.

Taken together, the administration thinks the retirement security measures would dramatically increase Americans' retirement savings.

Here's a look at the main initiatives the president is proposing.



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Automatic IRAs

Employers that do not offer a retirement plan would be required to offer workers the option of having money automatically deducted from their paycheck and deposited into an IRA. Workers' contributions would be steered into a basic investment option, and they could opt out if they wish. Employ-

ers would receive a tax credit for offering the IRAs.

Saver's Credit

The retirement savings tax credit, also known as the saver's credit, is currently a way to reward lower-wage earners who sock away retirement money. It is staggered so that the lower your income, the

bigger your credit, but phases out at \$53,000 for married joint filers.

The administration wants it to target middle-income earners, too. It proposes to match 50 percent of the first \$1,000 of contributions by families earning up to \$65,000 and provide a partial credit to families earning up to \$85,000.

Lifetime Income

Another proposal would promote the greater use of annuities and other forms of guaranteed lifetime income. The public reception is likely to be mixed at best, however, given the widespread suspicion about annuities — investment products that guarantee an income stream but sometimes come with high fees.

401(k) Regulations

The administration wants to improve the transparency of 401(k) fees to help workers make better choices and guard against their returns' being eaten away by fees and expenses. That proposal isn't likely to be controversial.

DAVE CARPENTER (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Toyota Recall

Toyota Motor Corp. has stopped selling and building eight models, saying there's a possibility that their accelerator pedals may get stuck in a depressed position. Here are three questions and answers about the issue.

Are there any warnings that this condition exists in my vehicle?

Toyota says the driver may notice that the accelerator pedal gradually becomes harder to depress or is slow to return. In some cases, the driver may notice a rough feeling when depressing or releasing the accelerator pedal.

What if the accelerator gets stuck while I'm driving?

Even if the engine is racing, the vehicle can be controlled with firm and steady application of the brakes. When the vehicle is under control, it should be driven to the nearest safe location and shut off.

Who can I call for more information about the recall?

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## In Brief



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GM says the District will be among the initial markets for the 2011 Chevy Volt.

## WASHINGTON

## D.C. Considers Electric Car Charging Stations

The D.C. government is considering plans to install hundreds of charging stations for electric vehicles. D.C. Department of Transportation spokesman John Lisle says the city can jump-start the technology by purchasing electric vehicles for the city fleet and by installing the necessary infrastructure. GM has announced that D.C. will join California and Michigan as the initial consumer markets for its 2011 Chevy Volt. (AP)

## WASHINGTON

## Powerball Tickets Now On Sale in Md., Va.

Powerball tickets go on sale in Virginia and Maryland for the first time this week. The first multistate lottery game will start selling tickets in Maryland on Sunday. Virginia's multistate game debuts Wednesday. Maryland's Powerball jackpots start at \$20 million; tickets cost \$1. The Virginia Lottery announced last fall that the operators of the Powerball and Mega Millions Lottery games were joining forces. (AP)

## The Lotteries

## Sunday, Jan. 31

## District

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Mid-day Pick 4 ..... 0-3-1-5

## Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 ..... 3-7-1  
Mid-day Pick 4 ..... 7-7-6-7  
Mid-day Cash 5 ..... 13-16-22-24-34

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

# Room to Grow in Shared Offices

## Co-working centers offer space for thrifty small businesses

## Washington

At a time when small businesses are going under in record numbers, Joey Coleman's District-based marketing and branding firm, Design Symphony, is booming.

Coleman attributes his growth in part to his location in a crammed but bustling communal office center called Affinity Lab, where he rents a 6-by-4-foot space on the second floor of a former auto parts shop in Adams Morgan consisting of a desk and file cabinet for himself and his one employee.

At Affinity, he said, he has kept costs low and established a symbiotic relationship with the two dozen businesses with which he shares space — offering advice to one another and teaming up on projects that he couldn't do on his



BILLO LEARY/TWP

Joey Coleman, left, of Design Symphony works near Krishna Patel at Affinity Lab.

own. "It has the feel of a comfortable family room or a coffeehouse," Coleman said.

Demand for the space has grown throughout the recession from start-up micro-businesses with 10 workers or fewer. Organizers of Affinity Lab are expand-

ing this week by opening a second location, in the U Street corridor in Northwest, that at 4,000 square feet is nearly twice the size of the original space.

Affinity Lab was started in 2001 to accommodate small businesses that had outgrown their owners'

homes but had not grown enough to be able to afford a typical office lease. In establishing Affinity Lab, which charges businesses rent ranging from \$235 to \$995 a month depending on the level of services they want, organizers launched what has become an early example of an international movement known as co-working.

About 200 co-working centers operate in the United States, up from about 20 five years ago, said Steve King, a partner at Emergent Research, a firm in Lafayette, Calif., that studies the small-business sector. Last year, as the economy spiraled further into the recession, the co-working movement experienced its biggest boost, with the number of sites rising about 60 percent, he said.

"Even when the economy recovers, jobs won't come back to where they were," King said. "The underlying trends [with co-working] will be there in the recovery."

V. DION HAYNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Va. AG's Private Practice Causes a Buzz

## Fairfax, Va.

In just his second week in office, Virginia's newly sworn-in attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli, returned to his private practice in Fairfax County for a day and tried a case in juvenile and domestic relations court.

The attorney general's appearance on the third floor of the courthouse sparked quite a buzz among the Fairfax bar but did not violate any state laws or rules. Still, as the head of the official law firm for the Commonwealth of Virginia, overseeing about 200 full-time lawyers and 140 support staff, it struck many as odd that Cuccinelli, a Republican, would still be try-

ing a private case.

"The practice has been that the attorney general is just the attorney general," said former Fairfax commonwealth's attorney Robert F. Horan Jr., who spent 40 years as a government lawyer and knows a few things about Virginia law. "But I'm not aware of any law that bars the attorney general from private practice."

A spokeswoman for the National Association of Attorneys General said a guidebook published by the association states that "private practice by the attorney general is prohibited in 49 states," by law in most and by custom in others. Only Montana allows its attorney general



MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

Ken Cuccinelli's appearance in court, though unusual, did not violate any laws.

to maintain a law practice, spokeswoman Marjorie Tharp said.

Cuccinelli referred an inquiry to his chief deputy, Chuck James, who said the former general practitioner from Centreville was "closing out his private practice" with "a matter that had been previously scheduled."

James said the issue was thoroughly researched before Cuccinelli's appearance in front of Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on Tuesday. "I believe the rule is," James said, "an attorney in state employment can appear and represent a client in private practice but cannot accept moneys."

TOM JACKMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# 1M

The amount, in dollars, Virginia is getting for a senior citizen employment program. The U.S. Department of Labor says the money is intended to help find jobs and provide training for low-income workers age 55 and older. The funds are part of about \$225 million in grants announced Friday by the U.S. Department of Labor. (AP)



# Ovechkin Strikes Late to Save Streak

Caps tie franchise record with their 10th-straight win

The Capitals

Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals made it a perfect 10. Ovechkin scored the go-ahead goal with 6:26 remaining, and the Capitals tied a franchise record with their 10th-straight win Sunday, beating the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2. The reigning two-time league MVP slid on one knee and into the boards to celebrate his 35th goal of the season, a shot from the slot that beat Mike Smith to the stick side. The score rescued the Capitals after Washington blew a two-

goal lead with a rare third-period meltdown. Nicklas Backstrom and Brooks Laich also scored for the Capitals, whose double-digit winning streak matches the team mark set Jan. 27-Feb. 18, 1984. Washington has outscored opponents 47-21 during this run. The league's top-scoring team has turned the Southeast Division race into a laugh and is within one point of San Jose for best record in the NHL. Jose Theodore, returning after missing two games with a lower body injury, made 25 saves for Washington. The Capitals were leading 2-0 when Martin St. Louis made a



Alex Ovechkin and Capitals fans celebrate after his game-winning goal Sunday.

nice deflection to pull the Lightning within a goal with 15 minutes to play. Just seven seconds later, Backstrom was whistled for tripping, Washington's first penalty of the game. Tomas Fleischmann compounded matters during the penalty kill, committing a hooking penalty out of frustration seconds after losing the puck. The Capitals killed off 23 seconds of 5-on-3, but Steven Stamkos' one-timer with Fleischmann in the box tied it with 12:18 remaining. The Lightning were the last team to beat the Capitals, a 7-4 victory on Jan. 12 during which Ovechkin challenged Lightning forward Steve Downie to a fight before Washington's Matt Bradley intervened on behalf of his teammate. (AP)

# Wizards Seek Elusive Third-Straight Win

The Wizards

Two days after the Washington Wizards were informed that they would not have Gilbert Arenas for the remainder of the season, coach Flip Saunders was asked how hard it would be for his players to be motivated the rest of the way. Their best player has been banned from being around the team, several others on the roster are constantly mentioned in trade rumors, and a second-consecutive trip to Secaucus, N.J., for the NBA draft lottery seems to be a mere formality. "I told them, 'You have to understand, no matter where you're at and



Celtics center Kendrick Perkins (43) dunks during a 90-89 loss to the Lakers Sunday.

what your record is, you have to be professionals. You have an obligation to go out and perform and play at a high level," Saunders said. In their first two games since Are-

nas' season-ending suspension for bringing guns to the locker room, the Wizards haven't always played at a high level, but they have played well enough to defeat New Jersey and

New York. They have won consecutive games for the fifth time this season and just hope to avoid the disturbing trend of winning two and immediately following it with a losing streak that was even longer. They won consecutive games against Sacramento and Portland earlier in January and thought that they were turning a corner — but with a chance to defeat Dallas in the next game. As a result, the Wizards are still in search of their first three-game winning streak since April 2008 as they prepare to host the Boston Celtics on Monday. "We got an easy team coming in," Saunders joked about the Celtics, who are struggling but remain one of the contenders in the Eastern Conference. "It's no question our guys better be juiced up and ready to play." MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Hokies Rally Falls Short vs. The Hurricanes

Hokies Hoops

James Dews scored 21 points as Miami defeated Virginia Tech 82-75 Sunday afternoon to snap a four-game losing streak. The Hokies rallied from a 19-point deficit with a 24-9 run midway through the second half. J.T. Thompson scored eight points during the run, and his free throw with 7:32 remaining cut Miami's lead to 65-60. Virginia Tech stayed within five and had a final chance to reduce a 75-70 lead with less than a minute left. But Malcolm Delaney missed a running jumper with 34 seconds remaining and fouled Reggie Johnson on a put-back attempt. (AP)



FOUND JOBS

**Jim Zorn wasn't out of work long.** The former Redskins head coach, fired Jan. 4, agreed Saturday to become the Baltimore Ravens' quarterbacks coach. Not surprisingly, Zorn, who served as the Seattle Seahawks' quarterbacks coach for seven seasons before joining the Redskins, is pleased to have found work so quickly. "I'm very excited about having a job, No. 1, and then having a job with another excellent organization," Zorn said. (TWP)



# A Sweet 16th for Federer

Majors domination continues with win at the Aussie Open

## Tennis

Roger Federer experienced quite a range of emotions these past two Australian Opens.

A year ago, he sobbed on the court after losing a thrilling final in five sets. Federer was all smiles Sunday after rather easily beating Andy Murray 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) for his fourth championship in Melbourne and 16th Grand Slam title overall.

**"I can cry like Roger. It's just a shame I can't play like him."**

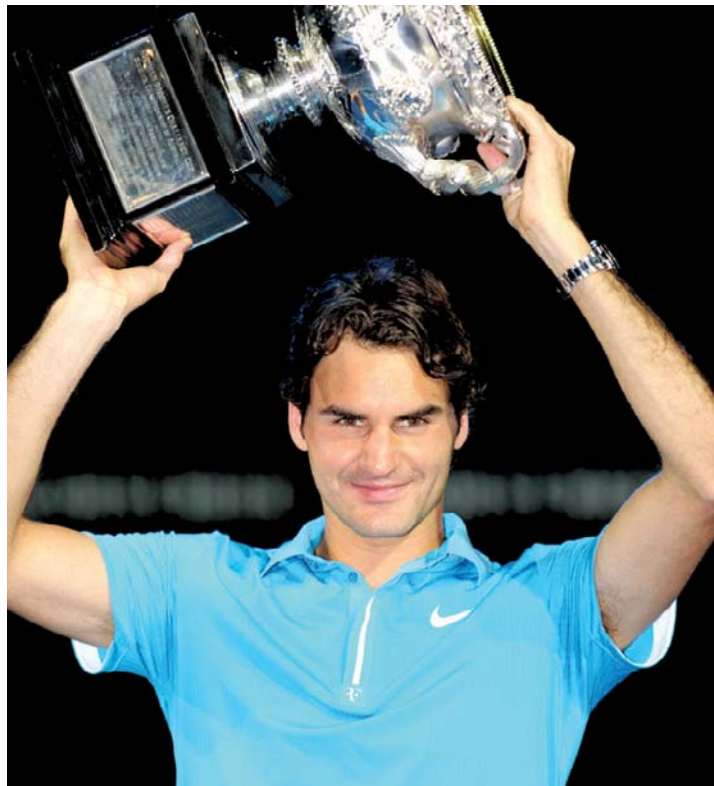
— **ANDY MURRAY**, WHO BROKE DOWN IN TEARS AFTER LOSING TO ROGER FEDERER ON SUNDAY. HE WAS HOPING TO BECOME THE FIRST BRITISH MAN TO WIN A MAJOR IN 74 YEARS.

"All of a sudden, it was over, and it hit me," Federer said. "It was very much a roller-coaster."

While Murray missed a chance to end a drought for British men at Grand Slam tournaments that stretches all the way to 1936, Federer became the first dad to win a major singles title since 2003. He also now can aim at a true, calendar-year Grand Slam, something no man has accomplished since 1969.

"I'm over the moon winning this again," the 28-year-old Swiss star said. "I played some of my best tennis in my life these last two weeks. It's also very special — the first Grand Slam as a father."

Federer had only recently discovered he was to become the father



AP/GETTY IMAGES



Roger Federer won his fourth Australian Open title Sunday with his straight-set victory over Andy Murray. The Swiss star has also won six Wimbledons and five U.S. Opens, and he completed the career Grand Slam by winning last year's French Open.

of twins when he lost the Australian Open final in five wrenching sets against rival Rafael Nadal last year, then broke down during the presentation.

This time, Federer was in control of the action pretty much throughout against Murray, and afterward, it was the 22-year-old from Scotland whose voice was breaking and who was choking back tears.

"I can cry like Roger," Murray said. "It's just a shame I can't play like him."

Compounding the emotions for Federer in Australia a year ago: He missed a chance to tie Pete Sampras' then-record of 14 Grand Slam singles titles. But Federer didn't have to wait long. He matched that mark a few months later at the French Open, where he also completed a career Grand Slam by winning a major on clay to go with his grass and hard-court titles.

Then he regained his Wimbledon crown for major No. 15. In his first major after his twin daughters were born, he was upset in the U.S. Open final by Juan Martin del Potro.

Now the girls are 6 months old, and Federer has settled into living and traveling with the family. He'll head to the French Open in May as the defending champion for the first time.

In Melbourne, where he also won titles in 2004 and 2006-07, Federer said he'd returned to his highest level.

Federer credited the likes of Murray and Nadal for helping him lift his game. "I feel, like, obviously, I'm being pushed a great deal by the new generation coming up. They've made me a better player, because I think this has been one of my finest performances in a long time, or maybe forever." (AP)

## In Brief

### PRO BASKETBALL

#### Minus Anthony, Nuggets Rock the Spurs, 103-89

Kenyon Martin scored 27 points and the Denver Nuggets won again without Carmelo Anthony, beating the San Antonio Spurs 103-89 Sunday. The NBA's leading scorer missed his fourth-consecutive game with a sprained ankle, but the Nuggets still bounced back after Oklahoma City pummeled them Friday, ending Denver's eight-game winning streak. (AP)

### PRO HOCKEY

#### Crosby, Pens Top Wings

Sidney Crosby scored in regulation and the shootout, and the Penguins overcame Jimmy Howard's second successive 46-save game to beat the Red Wings 2-1 on Sunday in the rivals' first game since Pittsburgh won Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals in Detroit. (AP)

### SKIING

#### Vonn Wins Another Title

Lindsey Vonn won a super-G race Sunday, clinching the discipline title in the final World Cup race before the Olympics. The 25-year-old American timed 1 minute, 1.77 seconds on the Corviglia piste for her ninth win of the season. (AP)

## TV Lineup

**WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN)** The Wizards aim for three-straight wins when hosting the Boston Celtics.

**NHL (7 P.M., VERSUS)** The Pittsburgh Penguins host the Buffalo Sabres.

**MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN AND ESPN2; 9 P.M. ON ESPN)** Canisius and Iona clash while Connecticut takes on Louisville; struggling Texas visits Oklahoma State in the nightcap.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., CSN+; 7:30 P.M., ESPN2)** North Carolina battles ACC rival Florida State, and Rutgers hosts Notre Dame.

**SOCCER (3 P.M., ESPN2)** Stoke City and Sunderland play in the English Premier League.

## SHADES OF 'AVATAR'

Britain were equipped to screen the first 3-D transmission by Sky Sports on Sunday. David Wubelski, a 71-year-old Arsenal fan, said "the close-ups are fantastic, but the wide angle is not quite so impressive." (AP)

**British pub-goers have become** the first public audiences to witness a live sports event broadcast in 3-D, when watching Manchester United beat Arsenal 3-1. Nine pubs across



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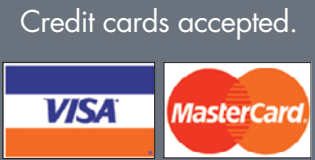
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**I will try to keep** the guilt to a minimum in this column, but it's going to be about happy hours that fundraise for Haiti. So, if you're the kind of person who doesn't donate to relief efforts and then feels bad about it, you might want to stop reading. Or maybe a stiff drink is just what you need.

Union Pub (201 Massachusetts Ave. NE) is holding a happy hour tonight from 6 to 8. Though \$3 house drafts, \$14 Yuengling pitchers and \$4 flavored vodka cocktails are standard happy hour fare on the Hill, tonight 18 percent of the proceeds go to Doctors Without Borders. It'll also be holding a raffle, and 100 percent of the money from it will be given to DWB.



By Fiona Zublin

U Street wine bar Vinoteca (1940 11th St. NW) is also donating 15 percent of its happy hour proceeds to the Clinton-Bush Haiti Relief Fund from now through Valentine's Day. I recommend this happy hour anytime — every day from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. you can get 20 wines and one beer for \$5 each, plus discounted food — but Vinoteca's generosity makes it an even more appealing place to visit.

**Beneficial Brew**

Art and Soul has mixed up a special cocktail (Hint: It has Haitian rum) with the somewhat unwieldy name "A Drink for Haiti." It doesn't matter what's in it; the important thing is that the \$10 you spend on it goes to the Red Cross, as long as you buy it by Feb. 13. I promise I won't normally advise you to spend \$10 on cocktails, but this is for a good cause.

@ Comments? Give Fiona your feedback: [expressnightout.com/boozeclues](http://expressnightout.com/boozeclues)



On his new album, "Rebirth," Lil Wayne tries to meld rap and rock, with mixed results. He begins a stint in prison on Feb. 9.

## Crumbling Rock

The prolific Lil Wayne loses his clever edge attempting to switch gears on 'Rebirth'

**CD Review**

Lil Wayne is a big enough artist that he can basically do whatever he wants. But with his latest album, "Rebirth" (out Tuesday), that doesn't mean he can get away with it.

On the oft-delayed "Rebirth," Lil Wayne tries his best to branch

out of rap and do the whole rock 'n' roll thing. And though he worked with Fall Out Boy, flirts with ska and skate punk, and even does the whole tortured genius thing with some of his lyrics, Weezy is a better rapper than he is a rocker — and almost all of the album's 15 tracks prove that.

Though "Rebirth" leaked last month, Lil Wayne supposedly switched things up for this final version, which conveniently drops right before he's supposed to start his prison sentence on



**Rebirth**  
Lil Wayne

Feb. 9. Weezy will serve between eight months and a year in prison for felony gun charges, but with two singles already released from "Rebirth" — "Prom Queen" and "On Fire" — the rapper has set a precedent for what fans can expect while he's gone.

Unfortunately, that precedent

isn't remotely hot.

The album starts off with the angsty, angry "American Star," a good example of Weezy's idea of rock: Against instrumentation dotted with wailing guitars, thumping bass and tons of aggro-heavy machismo, Lil Wayne growls about how he's a "dope boy with a guitar"

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To listen to tracks from "Rebirth," visit [expressnightout.com](http://expressnightout.com)

who's gone from "piss poor" to living "in six-story houses."

But while the song has everything needed to be a rock track, it lacks the whip-smart cleverness that defined Lil Wayne as one of the best lyricists in the game. Not one line in the song sticks out, and his verses battle with the instrumentation at times. Whereas songs such as "3 Peat" and "A Milli" from the fantastic "Tha Carter III" displayed frenzied beats that wholly supported witticisms like "You can't get on my level/You will need a space shuttle, or a ladder that's forever," the tracks on "Rebirth" are mired in their own rock-ness.

Nevertheless, some tracks show promise. "On Fire" is a slow-burning, electro-sampling renegade of a track in which Weezy describes how he makes a girl so hot she needs "Firemen to her rescue, like 9/11" (too soon?), while "Drop the World" uses lighter instrumentation to support the threat that he'll "Hop up in my spaceship and leave Earth."

But all of those comparisons Weezy likes to make between himself and a "rock 'n' roll Jesus"? Not so much. **ROXANA HADADI**



**Weekend Box Office**

Avatar	\$30 M
Edge of Darkness	\$17.1 M
When in Rome	\$12.1 M
The Tooth Fairy	\$10 M
The Book of Eli	\$8.8 M
Legion	\$6.8 M
The Lovely Bones	\$4.7 M
Sherlock Holmes	\$4.5 M
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel	\$4 M
It's Complicated	\$3.7 M



# He Wrote the Book on Love

Nicholas Sparks' 'Dear John' leaps from page to screen

## Books

Author Nicholas Sparks calls "Dear John," based on his best-selling novel, an updated version of "Casablanca," the 1942 classic starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

"Dear John" is Sparks' fifth book to be adapted into a Hollywood movie, following 1999's "Message in a Bottle," 2002's "A Walk to Remember," 2008's "Nights in Rodanthe" and 2004's "The Notebook." His bitter-sweet stories often involve love and loss, and are typically set in beautiful, romantic locations — making them ideal for the big screen.

"Dear John" is no exception. It tells the story of a soft-spoken young soldier (Channing Tatum) who meets a beautiful and vivacious college girl (Amanda Seyfried) in South Carolina while on leave from his Special Forces unit. The two have a whirlwind



Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried star in the adaptation of Sparks' "Dear John."

two-week romance, but he has to return to his unit for another deployment overseas before he can go home for good. John and Savannah agree to correspond, and over the next year, they send heartfelt letters (yes, handwritten letters) to each other.

Just as John is about to complete his tour of duty, war breaks out after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and he patriotically re-

ups for another two years, much to his girlfriend's chagrin. As time passes, Savannah writes fewer and fewer letters. Eventually, she sends the Dear John note every soldier dreads, informing him she is marrying another man. John is heartbroken. Years pass before he learns the whole story, and when he does, he finds acceptance and commits a completely selflessness act.

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Lasse Hallstrom, who directed "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," "The Cider House Rules" and "Chocolat," says the challenge for him was to make a dramatic and emotional movie without being schmaltzy.

"If I have contributed here at all, I hope I have stayed on the right side of the line," he says, "because I'm really drawn to strong sentiments, but I personally hate sentimentality. I worked hard to make it real."

Sparks has another adaptation of one of his books coming out soon: "The Last Song," a sweet father-daughter drama starring Miley Cyrus and Greg Kinnear, is due out this summer.

He has sold the movie rights to two other books — "True Believer" and "At First Sight" — and he has written a screenplay for his book "The Guardian," though he has not yet offered it for sale. Married with five children, he lives in North Carolina. He is writing a book set in "one of the most romantic places on Earth," though he won't divulge the setting until he finishes it.

"I write love stories, which are distinct from romance novels," the 44-year-old author says. "They run the gamut of emotions." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## Mixed Media



## All Guts and Gory

There are a few tried and true traditions in the zombie film genre: lots of gore, comedy and hopelessness. And "Zombieland," out now on DVD, definitely fits into the pack — even if it lacks that whole hopeless thing. The monster flick is a satisfyingly quick hit at 81 minutes, bursting with fantastically

witty and hilariously bloody scenes. And thanks to flawless casting and a wonderful, better-if-unspoiled cameo, it's an all-around win — and it's understandable why there's already a sequel in the works. **Notable Extra:** Commentary featuring director Ruben Fleischer and stars Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg (above left).

**If You Like:** Clear, easy-to-follow instructions for surviving a zombie attack. **If You Don't Like:** Contaminated hamburgers, which cause the undeadapocalypse. ROXANA HADADI

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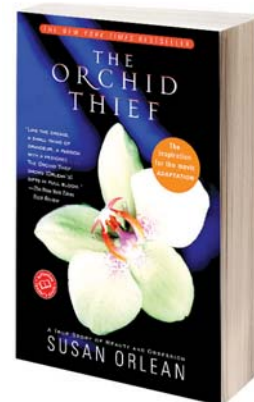
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## 1 Modern Marvels

The Alvin Ailey Dance Company remains at the forefront of American modern dance, and it's back for its annual stint at the Kennedy Center. If you've never liked watching dance, this is one of the best ways to get into it. The group's performance will include new works and old classics, which we'd name for you if we thought you'd recognize any of the titles. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)** Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through Sun., \$30-\$89; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

## 2 It's Cheap and You'll Like It

If you're addicted to Restaurant Week, you should probably enroll in some sort of food rehab program where they scream, "Just because it's cheap doesn't mean you have to go!" in your face a couple of thousand times until you lose your appetite. Or you could just continue your binge with Baltimore Restaurant Week. We recommend Afghan gem Helmand. **F.Z.** Various locations, through Sun., \$20.10 for lunch or \$35.10 for dinner; Baltimorerestaurantweek.com.



## 3 Double Feature

Authors Susan Orlean and George Saunders will read from their respective works tonight at the Folger Theatre. Orlean is most famous for "The Orchid Thief," which became the film "Adaptation." Otherwise, they're both famous mostly because they write for the New Yorker, which is nothing to sneeze at. **F.Z.** Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu. (Capitol South)



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Kelly Cutrone takes no prisoners in her high-fashion world

**Public Relations**

**BRAVO**  
**10:00**

"Kell on Earth" "stars" Kelly Cutrone, one tough woman. She's the head of public relations firm People's Revolution and runs an extremely high-strung office of emotional interns and barely trained neophytes for whom every task is a chance to hyperventilate.

Cutrone's office organizes fashion shows during which potential buyers and fashion journalists must be placed in just the right seat or else the Earth may slip off its axis. In other words, the really, really important responsibility of Cutrone's office is to create a seating chart. Apparently, this entails months of agony and at least an hour of our time.

Give Cutrone points for working in the fashion world without trying



Kelly Cutrone works in the fashion world but makes no effort to spruce herself up.

to look fashionable. She sports no makeup or fancy clothes. And she speaks to her bubble-headed staffer in a no-nonsense demeanor. By no-nonsense, we mean she swears like Tony Montana in "Scarface." On the plus side, she makes time for her 7-year-old daughter.

At first glance, I wondered why anyone would want to come home from a hard day's work and plant themselves in front of this tedious

and frequently annoying workplace series. Then it occurred to me that Bravo's chic demographic may include people who have no office work to come home from — formerly fashionable folks who participated in the great job-disappearing act of 2009. For that audience, "Kell" may provide a kind of nostalgic tonic, a loud, messy glimpse at The Way We Were. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

**Best Bets**

**NBC**  
**8:00**

**Chuck** Kristin Kreuk ("Smallville") guest-stars in this new episode as Hannah, a new addition to the Nerd Herd. Her training is up to Chuck (Zachary Levi, right), who's also taken on a new mission in his other life: converting an enemy agent into a spy for the CIA.



**CBS**  
**8:00**

**How I Met Your Mother** Barney is having a great week — for starters, he's landed seven women in as many days — but his friends haven't been so lucky. To forget about their own troubles, they cheer him on to greater strokes of luck.

**A&E**  
**9:00**

**Intervention** The new episode "Intervention In-Depth: Huffing" examines the scourge of chemical inhalant abuse through the stories of youngsters who battled this powerful addiction.

**FAM**  
**10:00**



**Greek** When the ZBZs discover that their candle caused the Gamma Psi fire, Casey is overwhelmed by guilt, and the sorority's future is in jeopardy. To boost morale, Ashleigh enlists Rusty (Jacob Zachar, left) and Dale in a "geek auction" for charity in the new episode "Pride and Punishment." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

**Dramedy****Growing Pains**

Some things about your past are best kept secret. Just ask Joe (Ray Romano, above) on "Men of a Certain Age" (10 p.m., TNT) whose bookie finds out he used to be a professional golfer and now wants to use him in a hustle. Terry gets a new gig as an apartment manager and finds the housing that comes with it is great, but the job is a bit much. Meanwhile, Owen and his family are worried about his weight. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



# B.I.O.

BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



## Rachel Alberts, Brett Gellman

Rachel, 30, is a marketing manager. Brett, 28, is an IT specialist. They live in Bethesda.

- **The Main Event:** On March 6, the couple will wed in West Orange, N.J., in front of 300 guests. One of the processional songs will be the Beatles' "Here, There and Everywhere."
- **How They Met:** In 2004, a friend showed Rachel Brett's Friendster profile, thinking the two would hit it off. "When I saw his favorite movie was 'Wet Hot American Summer' and we were both Maryland alumni, I had a good feeling about us."

- **First Date:** They went to see "Ocean's 12." "Terrible movie, but a great date," Rachel says.
- **How He Proposed:** At the National Arboretum during cherry-blossom season. "I was anxious after trying to say something several times. After several deep breaths, I got down on one knee and proposed to Rachel."
- **Their Song:** "Funny Little Frog" by Belle and Sebastian. "It expresses how we felt about each other when we first heard it," Rachel says.

**"When I saw we were both Maryland alumni, I had a good feeling about us."**

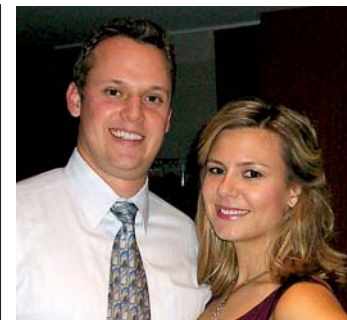
- **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Rachel's guitar-print pajama pants.
- **When He Knew:** When she stood in the freezing November cold to watch a Terps football game with him: "Can't think of many other girls willing to subject themselves to those conditions."



## A Fortuitous Kickoff

**"I knew I wanted to propose to Liz on the National Mall around all of our friends. What better way than after a WAKA [World Adult Kickball Association] game? But we kept having rainouts," Peter Carra says. The mounting delays made him a walking bundle of nerves. Would Elizabeth Drabot say yes? Wouldn't she? When Peter finally got her away from the rest of the team for a private moment, Elizabeth says, "I was so surprised when he proposed." She was so caught up in the moment, in fact, he had to ask her a few times. "The third time, he asked, 'Babe! Pay attention: Will you marry me?'" She agreed, and tourists stopped taking photos of monuments to snap candid shots of the happy couple.**

**Elizabeth, 25, is a marketer and event planner. Peter, 30, is a captain and optometrist in the Air Force. They live in Alexandria. They will marry June 26 in D.C.**



## Kristi Byrne, Michael Guilfoyle

Kristi, 28, is a civil engineer. Michael, 30, is a solution strategist. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** They're tying the knot Sept. 5 in Fredericksburg, Va., with 120 guests attending the semi-formal event.
- **How They Met:** Both of them were "third wheels" with two pairs of friends at a Pat Green concert at the 9:30 Club. The couples decided to pair up the third wheels: He bought her a beer and asked her to dance, and she fell for his cowboy shirt and "really 'country'" ways.
- **First Date:** Their "pre-date" was beers and Mexican food. "A great way to break the ice," Mike says. Their first real date was at P.F. Chang's.
- **How He Proposed:** "We were walking along the beach in Miami and, spontaneously, I knew right then and there I had to ask her." So, he wrote "I LOVE YOU" in the sand, then dropped to one knee to pop the question. They picked out a ring at a local jewelry store right afterward.



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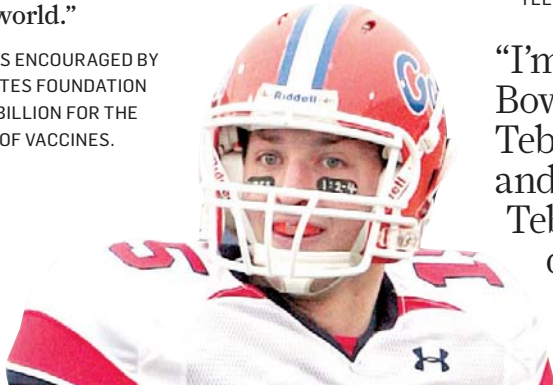


“All kidding aside, it’s great to see Rush Limbaugh getting lose and enjoying life. No word on Lady Gaga’s opinion of Limbaugh’s dancing.”

— ZENNIE2005.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE CONSERVATIVE TALK RADIO HOST DANCING AT SATURDAY’S MISS AMERICA PAGEANT, FOR WHICH HE WAS A JUDGE.

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Blog Log



“For those of you who decided to watch the snoozefest that was the Duke-Georgetown affair, the one positive was that you got to see United States President Barack Obama work his play-by-play pipes.”

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“I’m thinking that your upcoming Super Bowl ad lauding the courage of Pam Tebow in refusing to have an abortion and eventually giving birth to one Tim Tebow would have more impact if he didn’t currently suck so much.”

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## Horoscope

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll come up with a shortcut that allows you to get more done than you had planned, but you won't want to abuse this tool.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** A crisis of management, either at home or at the workplace, can be averted simply by employing some good old-fashioned common sense.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You may be fighting more fatigue than you are used to feeling, at least during the first part of the day. Later on, your energy increases.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Those who gravitate toward you are after something only you can give — and you can provide it in ways that are extra-effective.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Timing is essential, especially as you try to build a cooperative effort among those around you.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Prospects are bright, but you may have to muddle through a difficult, routine job before you break into the light and charge ahead.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Creativity can be encouraged, but not in routine ways. Indeed, the more unconventional your approach, the more creative it will be.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** There's no reason to keep your feelings from those around you. Indeed, mistrust may grow from an unwillingness to share.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You can keep regret to a minimum by focusing on things that have been constantly positive throughout a problematic phase.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You're more in the mood for some high-quality time with one or two special friends than for a larger event. After dark, you'll come into your own.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're sure to be surprised by your ability to hit the mark every time. It's more than just luck; your skill is increasing.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Begin to trust your instincts a bit more, and to worry about what others are doing a bit less.

## Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 237

O <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>

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RACK 1

A <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>

3rd Letter Double

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RACK 2

O <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	J <sub>8</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>

Triple Word Score

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RACK 3

I <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>

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RACK 4

### Friday's Solution

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										RACK 1 =	20
										RACK 2 =	58
										RACK 3 =	59
										RACK 4 =	70
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### FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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			6	4		5		9
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2				5		7		

### Friday's Solution

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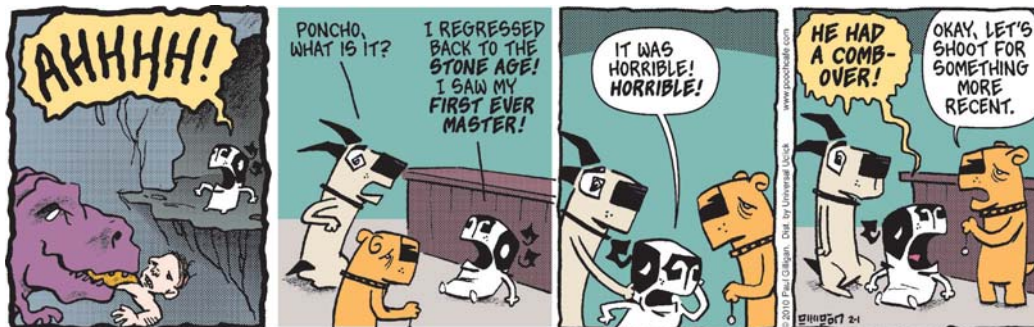
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**37 | 25**

**Today:** Plenty of sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight.

**39 | 30**

**Tomorrow:** Cloudy most of the time tomorrow and tomorrow night.

### Looking Ahead

**WED** **45 | 28** **THU** **45 | 31** **FRI** **41 | 29**

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:15 a.m.  
Sunset today: 5:29 p.m.  
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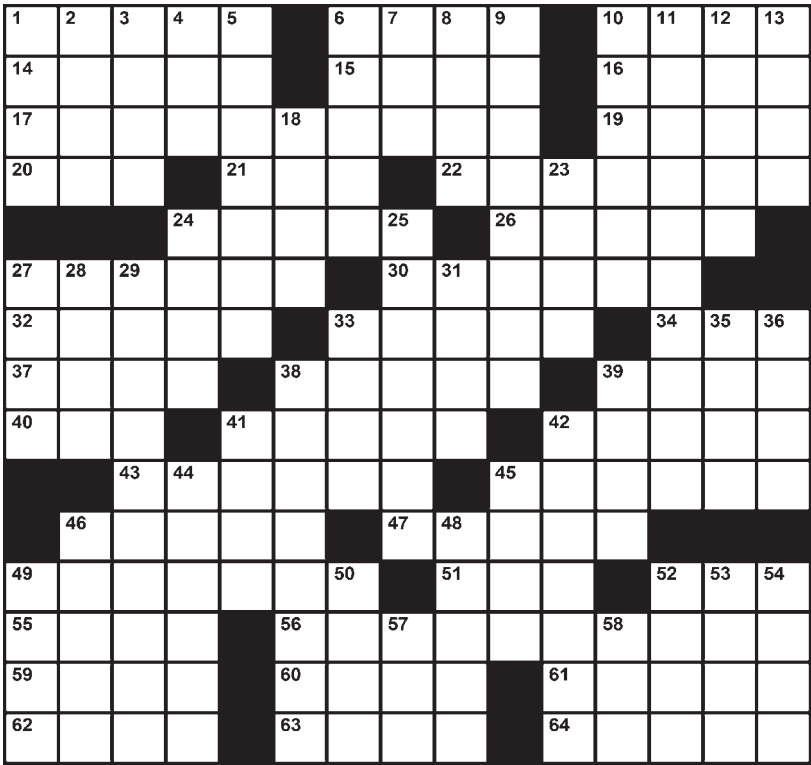
# lookout puzzles

## Crossword

THE A'S HAVE IT

### ACROSS

- 1 Existential torment
- 6 A bad way to run
- 10 A close watch
- 14 Wavelike fabric pattern
- 15 Bygone Italian money
- 16 Readily draftable
- 17 American Dance Theater choreographer
- 19 Some, in Seville
- 20 Cultivation tool
- 21 Pocket-watch accessory
- 22 Bawdy
- 24 Column type
- 26 Western comic strip "Rick \_\_\_\_"
- 27 All-knowing one
- 30 Repair-shop car
- 32 Bogged down
- 33 Young salmon
- 34 All-you-\_\_\_\_-eat
- 37 Baby newts
- 38 Emulated Lorelei
- 39 Canton's home
- 40 Degree of magnitude?
- 41 Delhi dresses
- 42 "Flashdance" singer Cara
- 43 Worldwide relief org.
- 45 Youth who flew too near to the sun
- 46 Face down?
- 47 Alpine warble
- 49 Flag holders (with "standard")



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- 4 \_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 5 Like a 1000 percent profit
- 6 Suspect's excuse
- 7 "Cool" amount?
- 8 Black-and-white cookie
- 9 Computer user's need
- 10 "Good comeback!"
- 11 "Fatal Attraction" actress
- 12 Cecil's cartoon pal
- 13 Encl. with a manuscript
- 18 "... in \_\_\_\_-horse open sleigh"
- 23 Data on IRS forms
- 24 Cold confections
- 25 Explain further
- 27 Black cat, some think
- 28 Falling-out result

- 29 Tennis legend
- 31 Blast furnace input
- 33 Uncontaminated
- 35 Aboriginal Japanese
- 36 "Nay" and "uh-uh"
- 38 Rip jaggedly
- 39 By word of mouth
- 41 Math ratio
- 42 Swell treatment?
- 44 Name for an Irish lass, perhaps
- 45 TV's "American \_\_\_\_"
- 46 Flower child's catchword
- 48 What the fat lady sings?
- 49 Drummer's forte
- 50 Grumpy state
- 52 \_\_\_\_ de foie gras

- 53 Olympic track champion Zatopek
- 54 "Hey, buddy, over here!"
- 57 Adjust, as an alarm clock
- 58 Husband on "Roseanne"

### Friday's Solution



## Today in History

**1992** President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin sign a Camp David declaration stating Russia and the U.S. do not regard each other as potential adversaries, formally ending the Cold War.

**2003** The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart as it re-enters Earth's atmosphere, killing its seven crew members.

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### IRREPLACEABLE 'That Hair Extension Was My FAVORITE!'

The daughter of a "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star has been found guilty of simple assault for pulling another cast member's hair during a fight at a fashion show. A judge fined Ashley Holmes \$189 on Friday. The charge against the 19-year-old was brought by Danielle Staub, who claimed Holmes threatened her and ripped out a hair extension in the November tussle. (AP)

### HONORS

#### Walk of Fame Organizers Run Out of Living Celebs

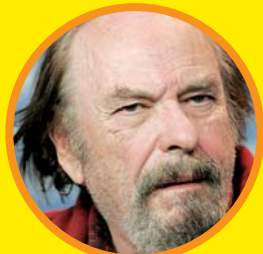
Roy Orbison has been honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Orbison's widow Barbara accepted the star in front of the Capitol Records building on his behalf on Friday. Orbison died in 1988 at the age of 52, in the midst of a comeback with The Traveling Wilburys, a supergroup that included Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne. (AP)



JULIE KRAMER/AP

This guy seems to have stumbled into Paris Hilton's sunglasses collection.

### Dirtbag Digest



#### 'You Were So Good in ... Yeah'

Elmore "Rip" Torn has been charged with breaking into a Connecticut bank and carrying a loaded handgun while intoxicated. Police say Torn, 78, was arrested Friday after police found him inside the Litchfield Bancorp with a loaded revolver. He is being held on \$100,000 bond and is scheduled for a Monday court appearance. (AP)



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**PDA** Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie quelled seething breakup rumors Saturday, appearing happy and contented while dining at the Directors Guild of America Awards in Los Angeles. Pitt was scheduled to hand out awards, but Jolie's presence was unexpected. The pair haven't been photographed together since December. (EXPRESS)

### 'Look, We're Happy'



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An Idaho ski resort owned by Bruce Willis has reopened, almost a year after the resort's lodge was destroyed by fire. Soldier Mountain Ski Resort in Fairfield celebrated opening day Thursday. The resort features a new lodge to replace the original structure that was destroyed in the accidental March 30 fire. The ski area is about 60 miles from the better-known resort towns of Sun Valley and Ketchum. (AP)

**"I'm briefly saddened  
by negative comments,  
but I have to remember  
those people are  
scared, incapable or  
just plain idiots."**



— KANYE WEST, WRITING ON HIS BLOG FOLLOWING CRITICISM FROM PETA FOR WEARING FUR LAST WEEK. "WE ARE THE [EXPLETIVE] ROCK STARS, BABY," HE ADDED.

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